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Dear Mary,

I was away two days, Bud and 'im worked here all day today, so I'm ever farthur behind and more than usually tired, and it is past bedtime. I was glad to get your letter because your long silence worried me.

Thanks for trying with Penn, but I guess the best thing it is to forget about it and hope to be able to resist a later longing for retribution. Sick or not, he's a bastard; and L.A. is not a pauper. Or impotent.

We've made more cooperative arrangements on the declassified papers, and all declassifications are not as spontaneous or as natural as they seem. I wish everyone would just do his own thing and not help anyone else to any, but I know the futility of this as well as I know its urgency. Paul made an awful blunder that seems so innocent. And Arch out be castrated for keeping his willingness to buy all of them from me. This goddamned stupid political insanity is self-destructive.

Mary, I'm just too tired to go into it. But believe me, please, this stuff is loaded with all sorts of booby-traps and if we can't keep the nuts and irresponsibles from getting and misusing it (not being able to know they are), the least we can do is not help them. Let them get what they can on their own. Thus they may not get what they can kill by meaningless use or misuse, cannot hurt in the many other possible ways, including in court.

Wish I was up to more.

Great news about Jimmy Lee. Maybe it is the beginning?

Aside from Lil's refusal to fly not being psychological, this is the only time of the year we have any income, slight as it is. She can't take a day off if she would.

But I wish we could.

Let us hope this is the beginning of the change for the better for all of you.

Sincerely,